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Proposing an amendment to the Constitution to provide for a balanced budget for the United States Government and for greater accountability in the enactment of tax legislation.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

FEBRUARY 4, 1993

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JOINT RESOLUTION

Proposing an amendment to the Constitution to provide for a balanced budget for the United States Government and for greater accountability in the enactment of tax legislation.

- 1 *Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives*
- 2 *of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*
- 3 That the following article is proposed as an amendment

1 to the Constitution of the United States, which shall be
2 valid to all intents and purposes as part of the Constitu-
3 tion when ratified by the legislatures of three-fourths of
4 the several States within seven years after the date of its
5 submission to the States for ratification:

6 “ARTICLE —

7 “SECTION 1. Total outlays for any fiscal year shall
8 not exceed total receipts for that fiscal year, unless three-
9 fifths of the whole number of each House of Congress shall
10 provide by law for a specific excess of outlays over receipts
11 by a rollcall vote.

12 “SECTION 2. The limit on the debt of the United
13 States held by the public shall not be increased, unless
14 three-fifths of the whole number of each House shall pro-
15 vide by law for an increase by a rollcall vote.

16 “SECTION 3. Prior to each fiscal year, the President
17 shall transmit to the Congress a proposed budget for the
18 United States Government for that fiscal year, in which
19 total outlays do not exceed total receipts.

20 “SECTION 4. No bill to increase revenue shall become
21 law unless approved by a majority of the whole number
22 of each House by a rollcall vote.

23 “SECTION 5. The Congress may waive the provisions
24 of this article for any fiscal year in which a declaration
25 of war is in effect. The provisions of this article may be

1 waived for any fiscal year in which the United States is
2 engaged in military conflict which causes an imminent and
3 serious military threat to national security and is so de-
4 clared by a joint resolution, adopted by a majority of the
5 whole number of each House, which becomes law.

6 “SECTION 6. The Congress shall enforce and imple-
7 ment this article by appropriate legislation, which may rely
8 on estimates of outlays and receipts.

9 “SECTION 7. Total receipts shall include all receipts
10 of the United States Government except those derived
11 from borrowing. Total outlays shall include all outlays of
12 the United States Government except for those for repay-
13 ment of debt principal.

14 “SECTION 8. This article shall take effect beginning
15 with fiscal year 1999 or with the second fiscal year begin-
16 ning after its ratification, whichever is later.”

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